

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 22, 2010
REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Powers presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

CLOSED SESSION CANCELLED

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: J. M. Holmes, Kevin Hanley, Keith Nesbitt, Bridget Powers

Council Members Absent: Bill Kirby

Staff Members Present: City Manager Robert Richardson, City Attorney Michael Colantuono, Community Development Director Will Wong, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogio, Public Works Director Jack Warren, Engineering Division Manager Bernie Schroeder, Transit Analyst Megan Siren, Administrative Services Director Andy Heath, Police Captain John Ruffcorn.

MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Red Cross Month proclamation presented to Auburn Red Cross Representatives

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented by consensus of the Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes
By **MOTION** approve City Council Minutes of 1/25/2010

2. **Ordinance Repealing Obsolete Provisions of the Municipal Code**

Hold a second reading, and adopt an **ORDINANCE 10-02** to repeal Sections 11.30 -11.34, Sections 31.080 - 31.081, Section 35.01, Sections 50.25-50.31, Sections 51.01- 51.02, and Chapter 75 of the City of Auburn Municipal Code.

3. **Memorandum of Understanding with Placer County Sheriff's Department for Helicopter Parking Pad at the Auburn Municipal Airport**

By **RESOLUTION 10-11**, authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Placer County Sheriff's Department for the Helicopter Parking Pad at the Auburn Municipal Airport and find the Helicopter Parking Pad Project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act per Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Section 15304 (Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land.)

4. **Amended and Restated Contract with City Manager Robert Richardson**

By **RESOLUTION 10-12**, approve an amended and restated contract with City Manager Robert Richardson to extend its term for two years, with no change in economic terms, and to delete obsolete language.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION**, approve the consent calendar.

MOTION: Nesbitt/ Holmes/Approved 4:0 (Kirby absent)

5. **Public Comment**

Council Member Holmes invited The Old Town Business Association representatives to speak about the results of the Brewery Lane Ad Hoc Committee.

Linda Robinson, Old Town Business Merchant, spoke on behalf of OTBA noting its support for a parking lot on the site.

Brian Hayes, 2257 Greyfox Lane, expressed opinions about Brewery Lane development and the importance of the Old Town parking study.

Council Member Nesbitt said the cable broadcast of Council Meetings has improved significantly. He thanked the staff who record the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. **Assistance for Firefighter's Grant Acceptance and Request for Proposal**

Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi discussed the grant proposal. Grant Committee members Station Officer John Rogers and Firefighter/Engineer Robert Zaucha spoke in more detail about the completed grant process and replacement equipment to be funded.

Council Member questions followed regarding: (1) outdated equipment, (2) 5% share budget fund, (3) cascade system, and (4) number of apparatus.

By **RESOLUTION 10-13**, accept the Assistance for Firefighter's Grant (AFG) and direct staff to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) to purchase firefighting equipment as approved through the Assistance for Firefighter's Grant process.

MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/Approved 4:0 (Absent: Kirby)

REPORTS

7. **Wastewater Treatment Permit**

Public Works Director Jack Warren discussed the status of the City's permit to treat and discharge wastewater and related issues. Items covered: (1) mandatory penalties and fines for failure to complete work by the regional board's deadline due to decisions to delay the project to allow full examination of the regional alternative to these on-site improvements, (2) compliance, and (3) the requirements of regional board.

Council Member questions followed regarding appeal possibilities and other means to prevent fines.

8. **City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Nesbitt reported that the Streetscape History and Art Advisory Committee will meet again 2/25/10. He said it was consensus of the committee was that the Central Square area should have a "river theme". He said he will bring the ideas to the next Council meeting for approval.

Council Member Nesbitt said, as a member of Placer County Transportation Planning Agency, he urges the Council to follow the gas tax/ gas fee legislation and the effect it will have on transportation funds.

He said in regards to the Amgen Tour coming through Auburn, they are working on adding an Amtrak train for just that day to take spectators to the finish line in Sacramento.

Council Member Holmes reported that the Sierra Economic Development Commission recently created a rule that will making it easier for new businesses to come into the Auburn area based on their emissions reporting.

Council Member Holmes reported that the Brewery Lane Ad Hoc Committee had a public meeting on 2/17/2010 to discuss the possibility of parking on the City-owned site. He said The Old Town Business Association (OTBA) had no representative at the meeting and the meeting was made up of mostly area residents. He said the consensus of that meeting was not to develop the area as a parking lot. Council Member Holmes said he then reported these results at a meeting of the OTBA.

Mayor Powers reported that the ribbon cutting for the new Streetscape is this Wednesday, February 24th starting at 4:30 p.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

9. Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Auburn Fire Department and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi presented the MOU. He also reported on how grant funding can be used to manage fuels on BOR lands. He said Councilman Hanley as Chair of the Greater Auburn Fire Safe Council was instrumental in making this happen. He also recognized Walter Clevenger from the Bureau of Reclamation.

Council Member Hanley commented on the MOU and recognized everyone who worked together to get this agreement together. He said the next step is working with AFD and the BOR to gather the funds to do the much-needed fuel reduction.

Council Member Holmes congratulated everyone who worked on getting this MOU completed. He said he supports this MOU because it will help prevent another catastrophic event in our community. He asked what can be accomplished in first year of this MOU.

Council Member Nesbitt also thanked everyone involved. He inquired if the AFD can put volunteers in the canyon to do "clean-up". The Fire Chief indicated this would be possible but that the volunteers would have to work under the direction of the AFD.

By **RESOLUTION 10-14**, authorize the Fire Chief to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Auburn Fire Department (AFD) and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation).

MOTION: Hanley/Nesbitt/ Approved 4:0 (Absent: Kirby)

10. **Recology Auburn Placer – Solid Waste Franchise Agreement Amendment**

Bernie Schroeder presented this item. (Presentation available in full in City Clerk's office). Items covered include: amending the existing solid waste handling contract with Recology, incorporating new services, re-allocation of franchise fee, and extending the term of the existing contract.

Megan Siren, Administrative Analyst, presented franchise-fee re-allocation proposal and regional rate comparisons.

Council Member Holmes said he has heard little to no complaints about Recology's service. He asked for more detail about the franchise fee distribution and the effect on the general fund.

Council Member Hanley said the programs Recology is offering us in the contract are necessary.

Mayor Powers said she appreciates all the research staff has done on this contract.

Linda Robinson, Merchant in Old Town, expressed her support for Recology's service to the community.

Cheryl Maki, former Mayor, commended the Council and Staff for their work. She also expressed her support for Recology.

Council Member Holmes recognized a letter to council in support of Recology from former Mayor Kathy Sands.

Council Member Nesbitt also expressed support for Recology and their employees.

By **RESOLUTION 10-15**, authorize the Mayor to execute an Amendment to the Solid Waste Collection Services Agreement with Recology /Auburn Placer Disposal Service.

MOTION: Holmes/Nesbitt/Approved 4:0 (Absent: Kirby)

11. **Proposal to Designate Properties for Listing on the National Historic Register**

Council Member Holmes asked for the approval to send a letter of support to the California State Office of Historical Preservation regarding the publically owned buildings that are nominated for listing on the National Historic Register. He said the more buildings we can get on the Historical Register, the more tourists will be attracted to the area. The nominated buildings are:

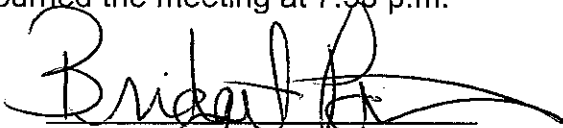
Old Town Firehouse	Old City Hall
Old Fellows Hall	Carnegie Library
Auburn Grammar School	St Luke's Church
Masonic Building	Placer County Bank
El Dorado St Firehouse	Auburn Drug Company

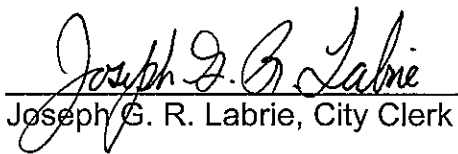
Council Member questions follow regarding: (1) the effect listing on this register would have on the buildings, (2) the process to renovate a building on the register, (3) cost implications and benefits (4) an analysis of cost difference when registered.

By **MOTION**, request further staff analysis on the City properties nominated including renovations costs, benefits, obligations and to consult other Cities that have designated other public buildings on the register, to report back to Council at a future date for determination.

MOTION: Hanley/Nesbitt/Approved 4:0 (Absent: Kirby)

Mayor Powers, without objection, adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.


Bridget Powers, Mayor


Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk